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EDITORIAL

TO STAY OUT OF WAR

(From New York World-Telegram)

Events are racing along with hurricane speed. Whether they will lead to war, toward which they are definitely headed, or suddenly shift direction and spare us, is anybody's guess. But if war does come in Europe, what shall in America do about it?

Primarily, of course, we do not want to be sucked in. An overwhelming percentage of the American people want never again to see our boys engaged in foreign conflict. But, as a purely practical proposition, how do we expect to stay out?

Hiding behind a word called "neutrality" isn't going to save us, no matter how great the congressional majority which makes it the law. We are too big a nation for Europe to ignore, whether in peace or war. And what happens over there affects the men, women and children of America too directly and vitally for us to try to wash our hands of Europe.

However much we may deplore it, and however hard we try, we cannot be neutral. We have more monetary gold than all the rest of the world. We have the greatest industrial setup in the world with potentially the greatest output. We have the greatest store and widest range of raw materials—with the possible exception of the Soviet Union, which country is now making her stocks available to Nazi Germany. Thus, whatever we do, or don't do, without stupendous power, it cannot fail to swing the world balance perceptibly one way or the other. We shall be un-neutral if we act, and we shall be un-neutral if we do nothing whatever.

If there is war, therefore, we are going to have to make up our minds on the stand we are to take. If there is war it will be largely in the air—in its initial stages, at any rate—and planes will do their utmost to destroy the industries and aviation centers of the enemy. Both sides will play this game. And if, as is likely, the sides are fairly evenly matched to begin with, both will probably largely succeed. That is to say, after the first few weeks or months of hostilities aviation will largely have been so crippled that replacements will become slow and difficult.

Whereupon— given the probable stalemate of infantry along the Sigfried, Maginot and other lines of defense—the side that can count on acquiring the most and best material from outside the quickest, ought logically to win.

That would make America's attitude highly important if not actually decisive. As Russia has flung her resources wide open to Germany, the Nazis might now be said to have a considerable advantage over Great Britain and France. And this advantage might become fatal should the United States apply the existing law and embargo munitions to both sides alike. For it would not hurt Germany; only Britain, France and their allies. Germany could and would send her technicians to Russia to speed up munitions production for herself, safely out of reach of hostile planes, whereas the Anglo-French coalition, to all intents, would be cut off from outside source of supply.

Thus would our so-called "neutrality" tend to doom Britain and France and assure victory for Nazidom. By doing nothing we would actually be taking the side of Adolf Hitler.

What would that type of "neutrality" keep our boys out of war? Let's see what a Nazi victory would mean: It would mean the end, of course, of the French and British empires. It would mean having Germany in the British and French West Indies and in Bermuda right at our front door. It would mean having Germany in British and French Guina, neighbors of Brazil. It would mean having Germany in British Honduras, Central America, a stone's throw from the Panama Canal. It would mean having Germany in Britain's stategically placed Falkland Islands, near Cape Horn, where they could command a large part of South America. It would mean having Germany as a menace to Canada, whose defense would devolve upon us, since she would be helpless if attacked by the Nazi colossus. It would put Germany in Hong Kong Singapore, and British East Indies, French Indo-China, perhaps even in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. For, like Edmund Dantes in "The Count of Monte Cristo" the former Austrian house painter could cry: "The world is mine!"

Would such a world as that make us safe from war? Obviously not. On the contrary it would be the beginning of a necessarily militarized America perpetually in arms with conscription and huge standing armies such as they now have throughout Europe, and fleets compared with which our present navy would resemble childrens toys floating in a pond.

These are things which every American should be seriously pondering right now. No real American wants to become entangled in a foreign war, but we can't just up and decide that we are going to remain neutral as we decide to have flapjacks for breakfast.

If we are going to keep our boys out of war we are going to have to be practical about it. If war comes we are going to have to make up our minds which we prefer for our neighbors: peace-minded Britain and France or the war-minded Fuehrer and would-be Teutonic Napoleon. We are going to have to do that and shape our "neutrality" accordingly.

There's Always A Reason

After the rape of Czecho-Slovakia last Spring the world knew that in Hitler it had to do with a man whose promise means nothing. After the Nazi-Moscow marriage of last week the world knows that in Hitler it has to do with a man whose doctrines and whose logic means nothing. The letter to Daladier has been described, and correctly, as embodying a plausible argument; but people have gone on to ask, again quite correctly, can the world trust Hitler to behave if in this instance it should listen to his plausible argument.

Actually the world knows that Hitler is quite capable of presenting just as plausible an argument in the opposite direction. He can plausibly eat up on Tuesday his plausible explanation of Monday. For this is the self-constituted champion of civilization against communism who has just gone into partnership with Communist Russia. And the plausible reasons were immediately forthcoming—Hitler's love of peace, the historic common interests of Germany and Russia, etc., etc.

Because the master of the Third Reich is a man who does not know what it is to keep a solemn promise, there impends the menace of war over Europe. But because Hitler is a man who can turn astonishing ideological somersaults with passion and with plausibility, it may be there is hope for peace in Europe. He has been insisting, for instance, that he cannot negotiate with Poland because German national honor is involved. But the logical genius who could persuade his countrymen overnight that Nazi Germany and Red Russia are born to be friends should have no difficulty in converting his people to a definition of national honor that permits negotiations with Poland.

—From New York Times.

The Middle Years

President Roosevelt remarked the other day that he felt better at 57 than he did at 50. This may perhaps be considered a special case, for Mr. Roosevelt enjoys an exuberant health and spirits which age cannot wither. Moreover, he obviously enjoys his job, and he was not President of the United States at 50 as he is now. Yet he was quite right in suggesting that the age of 50 remains for most men a difficult milestone to pass and a definite farewell to youth. To most it is the brow of the hill, with only a downward path ahead into the final valley. After it is passed, however, there comes a psychological acceptance of the compensations of the middle years.

The President admitted as an afterthought that he was only trying to console his secretary, "Steve" Early, who had just reached his half-century mark, adding that it was always darkest before the dawn. The dawn of Mr. Roosevelt's larger opportunities for national and world service came when he was 51.

—From New York Times.

Appomattox is a growing town.

Roosevelt watches progress of world affairs closely.

Appomattox schools will open on September 14th.

Toward a Greater America

As long ago as June, 1916, there was born in the editorial offices of Good Housekeeping Magazine an idea which, recurring at different times and in different places since then, has finally emerged into what may well be the beginning of an American renaissance of patriotism.

In an editorial appearing twenty-three years ago in that month's issue of Good Housekeeping, William Frederick Bigelow, editor of the magazine, wrote:

"The stability of a democracy rests upon the honest participation in its forms of government of a majority of the enfranchised citizens. So long, however, as a mere majority support certain ideals, those ideals will merely live, not flourish. Only through the driving power of a public opinion so general as to merit the usual term 'united' can worthwhile advances be made. Now any man buttonholed on the street will tell you that we need a great increase of both intelligence and honesty in our electorate. Charges—and proofs of fraud are the commonplaces of every election season. . . .

"At the present time—and we have never heard that it was ever otherwise it is the custom for a young man who has come of age during the year to join the ranks of the voters without any attention being paid to him. Yesterday he was a child legally; today he is a citizen with as much influence at the ballot-box as the most learned and experienced man. He makes his way to the polls, casts his ballot, and goes out to swell the ranks of those who look upon voting as a matter of slight importance and never once think of the significance attached to the casting of a ballot. It does not occur to him that voting constitutes the chief difference between being a citizen and being a subject. . . .

"Our proposal is that hereafter on the Fourth of July—which we at present don't know what to do with —there be suitable services in convenient places for the men and women who will vote for the first time at the following November election. Certificates of citizenship, bearing the state seal and appropriate wording, and signed by some designated official, should be given to each new voter, who should take an oath of citizenship, the duties and privileges of which should be explained in a public address by some well-known man of unquestioned probity. The occasion could be made very impressive, and in a few years would doubtless be looked upon as the public event of the year."

In Good Housekeeping for June, 1921, for July, 1933, and for July, 1935, Bigelow repeated his advocacy of a national Citizenship Day. The General Federation of Women's Clubs took up the banner and through its Department of American Citizenship launched a campaign for recognition of such a day.

Now, in elaborate ceremonies which recently took place at Manitowoc, Wisconsin, sponsored by the State Board of Vocational and Adult Education in cooperation with the University of Wisconsin Extension Service, when 350 native Americans were inducted impressively into the privileges of citizenship, and in scheduled observances in New York and elsewhere, there has come recognition of the wisdom of beginning the voting careers of the country's young people with fitting solemnity. This movement inaugurated by Good Housekeeping is expected to reach greater and greater proportions.

Urges More Singing Of National Anthem

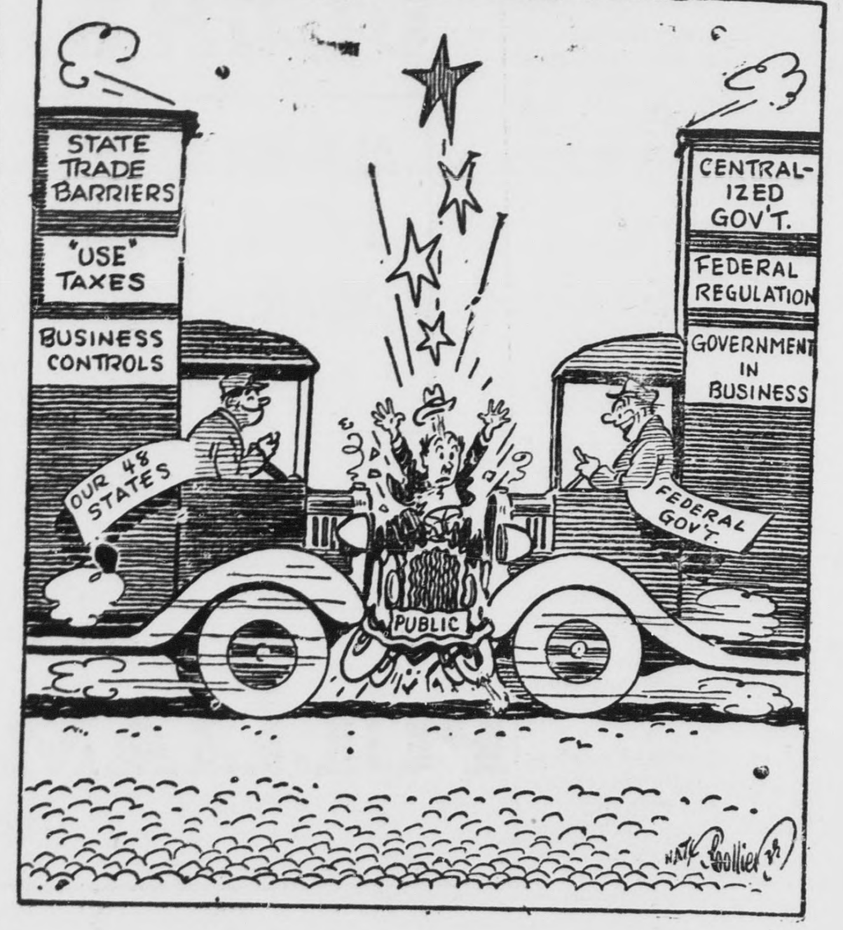
WILLIAM FREDERICK BIGELOW, editor of Good Housekeeping Magazine, in an editorial in the July issue of that publication, urges the American public to brush the dust off the "Star Spangled Banner" and to make it a national anthem in fact as well as theory.

"We are a conglomerate people," Bigelow points out, "gathered together from the ends of the earth, the newest comer as free to come and go as are the descendants of those who founded the nation. While those of alien birth sense our freedom, they do not always see or feel the tie that binds us in an inseparable whole. They are not accustomed to going months without hearing patriotic music. Whether rightly or wrongly, their homeland reaches out to them in sentiment or in seduction and it would not be too surprising if many of them should yield."

More demonstrations of love of country and loyalty to its institutions would be appropriate at this time, Bigelow says. If our liberty is to survive it must be made into a vital, compelling quality. He suggests that the "Star Spangled Banner" should be sung at all public gatherings, as a part of every moving picture program, after the play, concert, opera, banquet, dance, football or baseball game or any other event where American people foregather. "Sing it at home," he says, "so you won't be timid about lifting your voice in public."

Expressed love of country, signified by respectful attention during the playing of its symbolic music and a willingness to join in the singing, will not only have a good effect on new citizens but also on the children who will be citizens of the future.

CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE



★ FASHION PREVIEW ★

THIS two-piece play suit has many uses but Good Housekeeping for July recommends it especially for gardening.

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Help our town grow.

Play safe: drive carefully.

Germany begins rationing food supply.

Be polite to tourists.

Appomattox Route Two

Route Two, Aug. 30.- Lots of tobacco cut yet, the weather not being suited to cutting.

Jake Woolridge, of Roanoke, spent a good part of last week with his sister, Mrs. Van Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Carson went to Hollywood, carrying Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Carson, Saturday night, to hear Rev. Collins, where he was conducting a series of meetings. His sermon was very good.

I hear they had a splendid meeting there.

The beach party near Virginia Beach broke up Saturday. Miss Margaret Alsop going on to Richmond to her work; Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hix going on to Potamac View, carrying Miss Bessie Hix, of Prince Edward, Joe Alsop, of Prospect, and Kitty Carson, of Appomattox with them. There they were joined by Mrs. Margie Alsop and daughter, Caroline, of Prospect; Mr. Carson, of Lynchburg and Crote Carson, of Appomattox. They will fish there this week and use a well-equipped cottage belonging to Miss Charlotte Crawley, of Richmond. Mr. and Mrs. Cooke Hix, of Prince Edward will spent Wednesday night and Thursday with this camping and fishing party.

Curtis Coleman returned to his business in Oak Hill, W. Va. last Friday. He will be missed very much.

Wesley Woolridge, of Nottoway, came up to visit his relatives over the week-end. His family spent last week in the neighborhood attending the Hollywood meeting.

Wilson Hix and children called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Carson Sunday.

Captain Saul has been visiting his wife and children at their summer home near Hurtsville.

Mrs. S. C. Drinkard and Mrs. Billy Inge were in Appomattox Saturday morning.

Buckingham

Buckingham, August 30.- Mrs. Walker Jordan, a recent visitor in the home of Mrs. P. J. Shepherd, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Quinn spent the week-end in Amherst.

Among those who attended the Young Democratic convention in Roanoke last week-end, were Mrs. John Crute, Sue Spencer, State Trooper Herbert Adams, of Buckingham and John Young, of Dillwyn.

Gordon Quinn has recovered from a recent illness.

Edgar Haynes spent the weekend in Cumberland.

J. C. Hayes, of Cumberland visited in Buckingham Monday.

Mrs. Bernice Ranson entertained her Sunday School Class Friday night.

Fred Boatwright has returned home from a camping trip.

Mrs. Gordon Quinn left this morning to visit relatives in Skyler, Va.

Mrs. John Crute was a visitor in Charlottesville Thursday.

Bobby Shelton has returned home after spending a week with his uncle, Walter Shelton.

Miss Rose Shelton visited relatives in Nelson County Saturday.

Mrs. Gordon Quinn and Edith Springer were in Lynchburg Tuesday.

Headache, Bad Breath May Be Your Warning

The sea's thrilling S. O. S. means "Help is needed now!" And, so do most of those headaches, that biliousness, coated tongue, or bad breath which are often signs of constipation.

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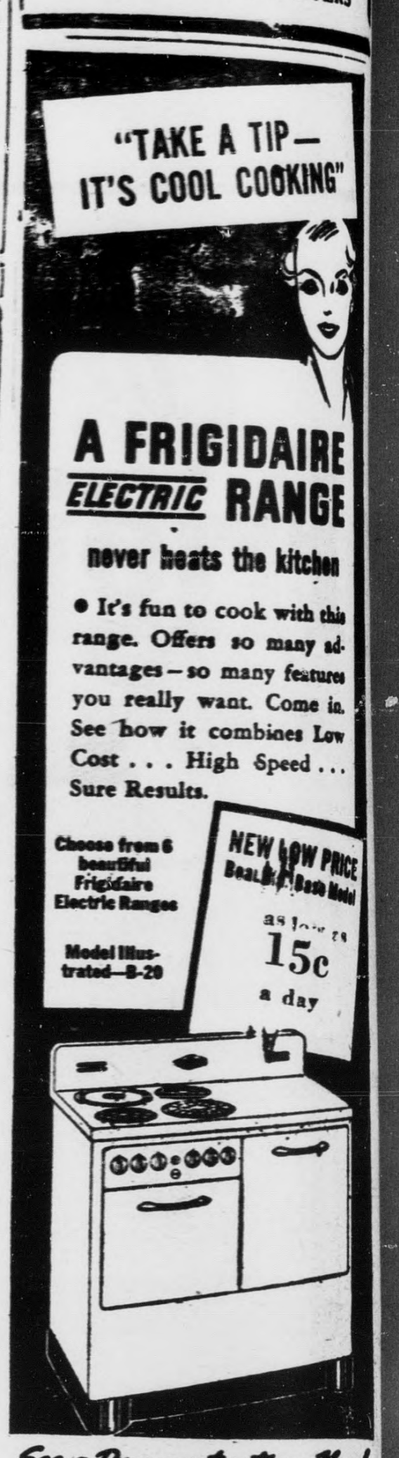

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John Henry Thornhill

Funeral services for John Henry Thornhill, 87, who died Sunday night at his home near Bent Creek, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with interment in the family cemetery.

He is survived by the following sons: R. D. and E. V. Thornhill, of Lynchburg; W. W. Thornhill, F. Lee Thornhill, P. W. Thornhill and L. M. Thornhill, of Bent Creek; and J. L. Thornhill, of Detroit, Michigan; one daughter, Mrs. W. B. Harris, of Bent Creek, and several grand children and great- grandchildren.

Mr. Thornhill was in the fifth generation of the name to live at the old home in which his death occurred and which was built on land granted the first of the name to come to this country. He was a member of the Liberty Chapel Baptist church of this county.

He was born August 8, 1852, son of Peter Walker Thornhill and Mary Susan Holloran Thornhill. He was a farmer and for forty years conducted a mercantile business. He married Miss Mildred Garrett, who died December 18, 1938.

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They Learn from Southern Women

Touring Reporters, now conducting a Query among women of the South and West, report remarkable agreement as to the benefits secured by users of CARDUI.

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Locust Grove

Locust Grove, August 29.- Mr. and Mrs. C. T. St. John and children, of Lynchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Reynolds and children, spent Sunday with G. W. Robertson.

Mrs. Lorene Lythgoe, of Richmond spent last Sunday night and Monday with Mrs. Lula Beale.

Misses Daisy Robertson and Dell Freeman spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Robertson.

Miss Betty Jane Haden, of Richmond, spent last week with her aunt, Mrs. Tom Robertson.

Mrs. Emmey Chernault spent Wednesday night in the same home.

Wesley Garrette is spending this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Garrette.

The community was shocked to hear of the death of Mr. John Henry Thornhill. Our hearts go out in sympathy to his bereaved family.

Bennie Beale spent Saturday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Beale.

MY DAUGHTER

I thank our Maker, in Heaven above
For entrusting we with this baby of love;
He gave me a book, to be my guide
To rear her up right, by this Book I abide.

This is not a book of beauty or health;
It is the Holy Book, of spiritual wealth;
In His steps, I'll train her ways,
To live Christ-like, all her days.

Just like the Sun, that breaks the dawn,
Just like the flowers, that adorn the lawn;
She's another part, His power displays,
A child of my heart, to the world portrays.

He endowed her with charm and grace,
Dark golden hair, and a pretty face.
Brown eyes express what our lips must say,
She can enchant you, inspire you that way.

To her I trust, I'll always be
As my mother has been to me;
Then I'll know I've stood the test,
And only God can do the rest.

—Hazel Levisay Harvey.

WPA Workers To Get More Pay

The new scale of monthly earnings for WPA workers in Virginia, effective September 1, will grant increases. It has been announced that unskilled WPA rural wages in this region including Virginia would jump from $26 to $35 a month, while unskilled wages in cities in this region of 100,000 or more will be $50.75 a month, as against a present schedule of $40. The new wage scales range from $31.20 a month for unskilled "B" workers in counties which the 1930 population of the largest municipality was under 5,000 to $81.90 per month for professional and technical workers in counties in which the population of the largest municipality in 1930 was 100,000 or over.

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Hixburg Items

Hixburg, August 29.- Mrs. R. D. Sears, Mrs. J. D. McDearmon and Miss Elaine McDearmon were visitors in the home of E. P. Sears one day last week.

Mrs. E. W. Gilliam was in town Tuesday afternoon.

Curtis Coleman, of Oak Hill, W. Va., spent Wednesday with his sister, Mrs. Edd McPhillips. He called in the home of J. B. Wilson in the afternoon.

Mrs. J. R. Marshall, Mrs. Bessie Grinstead and Mrs. C. B. Carson, and son called by to see Mrs. J. T. Hix Tuesday evening. Mrs. R. E. McClenny and daughter and Miss Aileen McClenny also called to see her. Mrs. McClenny and Miss McClenny had been to Appomattox on business.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Topping spent last week at Appomattox with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rogers. Mrs. Rogers, who has been quite sick, is much improved.

Mrs. J. W. Coleman and son, Malcolm. attended the funeral of Mrs. W. A. Schrader Sunday afternoon.

Miss Kitty Carson recently spent a week at the beach with Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hix, of Lynchburg, and other friends.

We ar esorry to hear that J. A. Webb continues to feel very badly.

Mrs. Edd McPhillips spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. J. T. Hix.

Mrs. H. M. Marshall was hostess for a reunio nof her family one day last week.

Farmers have been busy cutting tobacco. The continued rain is hard on that still standing.

Rev. and Mrs W. M. Black called on Mrs. J. T. Hix and family Thursday night.

Tom Gilliam, who has been spending his vacation with relatives here, returned to his home in North Carolina Saturday.

Mrs. Wilson Hix continues to improve, but will have to be away for several more weeks.

Bulletins On War Situation

New regulation issued in Germany prohibits German women from buying a new dress if she already has as many as TWO dresses: object to conserve garment supply!

War scare catches the mighty German liner, Bremen, in New York. Ordered to rush home at once without even taking on mail.

Senator Carter Glass says he is for peace, "even if we have to fight to get it!"

Report that in event of war the Duke of Windsor will rush home to England to offer his services to the British government. He has not been back to England since his abdication.

The Japanese have switched over and are now stopping Germans in China, instead of English! Change due to their anger over Germany signing pact with Japan's most bitter enemy, Russia

All iron fences in Germany taken down and melted to make munitions.

Report that Italy is ready to act as mediator in European crisis, but Allies say, why let Hitler's partner serve as umpire?

Poles in United States send over million dollars to aid fatherland.

The "battle of nerves" seems to have been won by England and France. Hitler has promised people they would win without having to fight, and now suddenly they find that Hitler was wrong and that even if they do fight, they probably can't

Queen Elizabeth rushes back to London from vacation in Scotland.

Americans in Europe rush efforts to return home as quickly as can.

Henry Ford says "they are all bluffing!"

Germany promises to respect the neutrality of Denmark in event of war.

French urge civilians to get out of Paris if war comes.

Jews in Palestine rush to join the British army.

Swiss mobolize army of 100,000 to man her frontiers, looking to possibility that Germany and Italy might try to attack France through Switzerland this time instead of through Belgium

Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Samples and son, Donnie, will attend the Marshall reunion Sunday, and visit in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Chilton.

Hunter Marshall, attorney-at-law, of Charlotte, N. C., will spend the week end with Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. Levie Crookshanks, of Portsmouth, Ohio, will be visitors this week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs H. S. Johnson and son, Bobbie Lee, spent Wednesday with his mother, Mrs. R. Lee Burks.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Burks and family and Mrs. Wood spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Marks in Lynchburg.

Miss Alice Burks spent last Wednesday with Mrs. R. M. Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Bos eand Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jonnsen and son, of Baltimore, Md., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Odor.

H. A. Odor, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Odor.

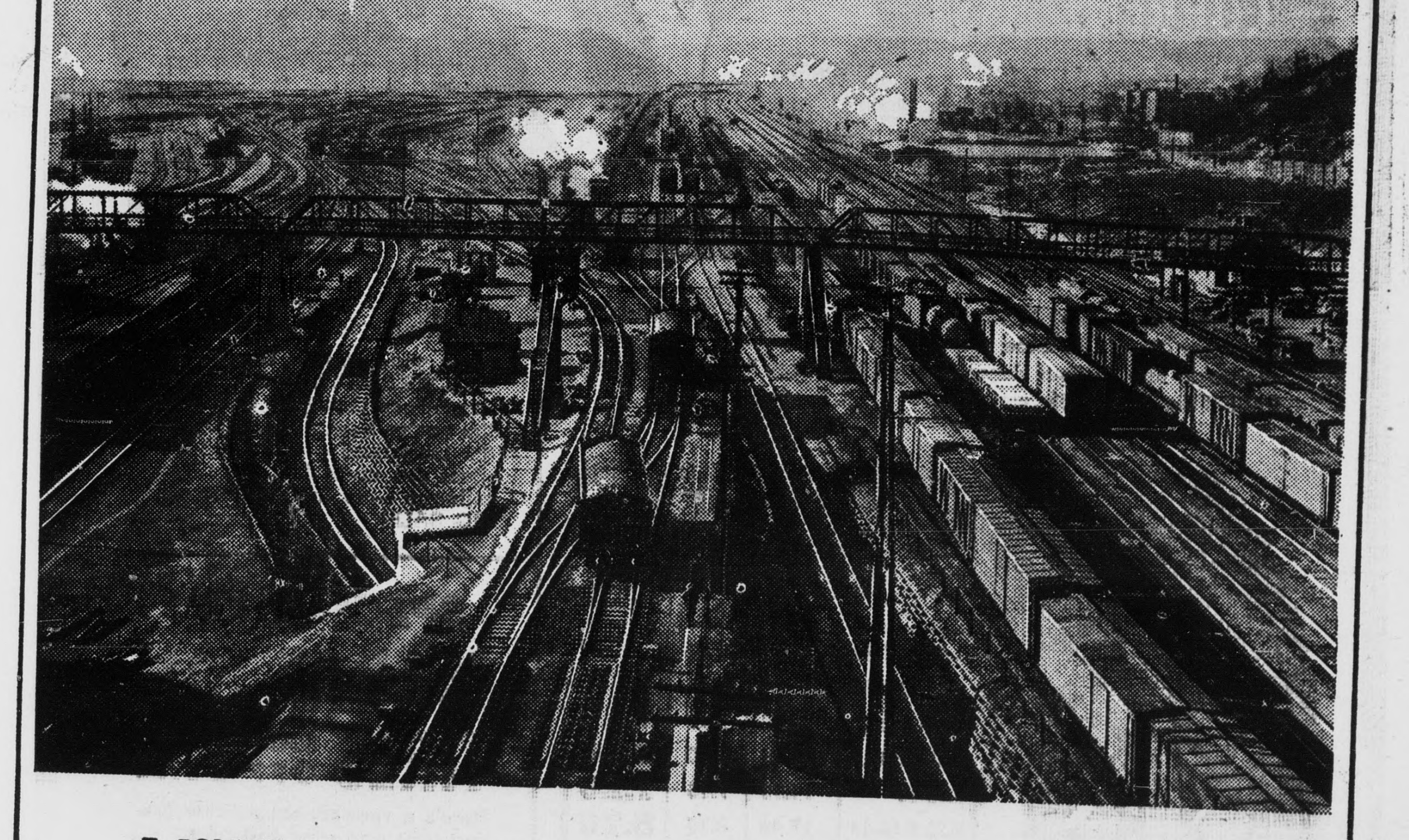
Mrs. W. P. Odor spent several days with Mrs. A. J. Zastrow recently.

Maynard Fowlks and son, M. G., Jr., were visitors in the home of T. W. Odor last Wednesday.

Germany begins rationing food supply.

Entire Japanese cabinet resigns due to decision of Germany to sign pact with Russia.

Mass transportation is *modern* transportation



YOU'VE heard a lot about the modern wonders of *mass production*—how it brings down the cost of things you buy—how it makes possible most of the modern comforts we enjoy.

But did you ever stop to think that modern mass production would be impossible if there were no *mass transportation* to carry the raw materials to the factories and carry the products forth to every corner of the land?

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Isn't that what you'd call *modern* transportation—transportation able to carry all the products that modern factories can produce and modern farms can raise, and do it so smoothly that most people never give it a thought?

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